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Kerrey's New Urban Deal: US Senator and presidential candidate Bob Kerrey has developed a comprehensive urban agenda to address the problems facing the nation's cities and towns. The plan would create new jobs through increasing the federal commitment in transportation and communications. Kerrey's plan is directed at improving the physical infrastructure of the nation's cities and simultaneously alleviate the unemployment rates that are particularly high among the poor and minorities. The plan would also provide uniform health care for all Americans through his Health USA plan. He says his comprehensive health plan would save cities over 27 billion dollars. — WASHINGTON, DC

Branch, James Address Central Ward: On Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Newark's Central Ward Councilman George Branch will host a public forum for Central Ward residents at the Camden Middle School, 321 Bergen Street. He will be joined by keynote speaker Mayor Sharpe James and Business Administrator Glenn Grant, who will speak on the city's budget, the tax rate, and the overall state of the city. Branch has billed the forum "Communicating in the Central Ward" and said it will be able to provide valuable information to the community. Both Branch and James are encouraging all Central Ward residents to come out and get involved with the city. — NEWARK

Internal Improvements for Queen City: Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell announced submission of a \$4.2 million Capital budget program for fiscal year 1992. The Mayor said that the program would allow for many improvements in the city's ailing infrastructure where Plainfield can take advantage of savings with construction in the current economy. One half of the amount is slated for Department of Public Works Engineering projects. Planned projects include renovations in City Hall and the Bilingual Day Care buildings, transfer station and parking lot improvements, Randolph Road and Clinton Avenue street improvements, and a trunk expansion project. Other streets slated for improvements include Berkman Street, Rushmore Avenue, West 6th Street, Leiland Avenue, Overly, Johannes Place, and Park Avenue. — PLAINFIELD



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Plainfield banks make small deposits in minority community

by Denise M. German

PLAINFIELD — Several Plainfield banks are neglecting to

serve their minority community according to a Human Relations Commission report which was released to the City Council two weeks ago.

During the City Council's agenda fixing session, two members of the Plainfield Human Relations Commission were invited to provide the Council with some

added insight on their report. Commission Chairman Dan Morg and Dr. Gerald Lee stated the purpose of the report — to monitor the banks' compliance with the Community Re-

investment Act. Under this act, financial institutions are required to provide for the financial needs of the community in which it is located.

When the report was initially introduced to the Council, one of the banks, The Dime Savings Bank of New Jersey, had not answered the City's questions as to all the Dime has since changed its mind, now requesting a meeting with members of the Human Relations Commission. Prior to the Dime's change of heart, the Commission's report recommended that the City, the Board of Education, and other municipal agencies cease all financial ties with the Dime.

The three other banks who responded to the survey were the Crestmont Federal Savings Bank, First Fidelity Bancorporation, and United National Bank.

Each financial institution was asked to respond to five basic issues: 1) cite the percentage of minority representation; 2) cite minority representation within executive management; 3) describe your affirmative action policy versus actual practices; 4) cite instances of reinvestment back into the African American and Hispanic community; 5) list the number of procurement contracts and made with African American firms.

In response to the question of minority representation on the bank's "Board of Directors" Crestmont Federal reported to have no minority members on it's

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Woodson Foundation focuses on Sweet Honey



NEWARK — The Carter G. Woodson Foundation has received a \$40,000 grant from the Victoria Foundation to develop and implement the "Family Enrichment Project" in Newark with the help of a cappella quintet, Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Sweet Honey, based in Washington, DC, addresses political, social, and cultural issues through their music. Their sound and repertoire is rooted in the tradition of African American congregational choral style and embraces the blues, early twentieth century gospel, and more. Through performances, workshops, and educational resource materials, Sweet Honey, via the "Family Enrichment Project," impacts Newark families that might not otherwise have access to the affirming messages and experiences of which these women sing.

Philip Thomas, President of the Woodson Foundation, said, "We have been presenting Sweet Honey in public concerts for four years, but we have always wanted to reach more young people. With the

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Guest commentary...

The NAACP will survive, it always has

by Dr. William F. Gibson

Over the next several months, foes and friends alike will be talking about the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Many of them will reach conclusions based upon the distorted picture being painted by the mainstream, predominantly white press. The bulk of these reporters and commentators lack any real understanding of the inner-workings of the NAACP. And predictably, some of them have chosen to project the tired, old bigoted story by portraying this association as "a bunch of Negroes fighting anger." This is not only foolish and inaccurate, but it ignores the record of the last 83 years.

In 1909, brave Americans, white and black, men and women, founded a courageous organization that was built upon a strong foundation. Through the years, the NAACP has

encouraged debate, both within our own ranks and in the American public. None of our internal debates or differences have ever destroyed our foundation, the core of our beliefs, or the clarity of our mission. Even the name of the Association has provoked numerous discussions and debates by our friends and our critics. Today, the democratic process continues, consistent with our long standing traditions.

Why would anyone assume that blacks are only capable of monolithic thought? The NAACP, like many other broad-based national organizations has under its umbrella for members with divergent opinions and competing ambitions. The recent charge by certain dissenting voices within our organization, claiming that they were purged, is totally untrue. Democracy in action, guarantees free and open participation. It does not guarantee an outcome that will please all.

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Martin, Malcolm, and legacy of civil rights leadership at Newark Public Library

NEWARK — More than two decades have passed since the dramatic events of the 1960's Civil Rights Movement. The legacy of the major leaders of the Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, is still being explored and evaluated in light of events that



Malcolm X

have occurred since then. The significance of both leaders, and also to counter the frequently superficial portrayals of the Movement and its leaders that has developed over the years, The Newark Public Library is presenting a panel discussion "Martin, Malcolm and the Legacy of America's Civil Rights Leadership." The program, cosponsored by Aljira: A Center for Contemporary Art, is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, at 2 p.m. in Centennial Hall.

Participating in the panel will be Dr. James H. Cone, Dr. Betty Shabazz, and Amin Baraka. Gus Henington, Newark civil rights leader and former head of the Greater Newark Urban Coalition, will act as moderator and discussion leader.

After each of the speakers has presented an opening statement, Henington will present a series of questions to the participants. Audience questions and comments will be encouraged during the program.



Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Questions and comments will be encouraged during the program.

Admission to the program is free. The library is at 5 Washington Street. For information, call 201-733-5643 or 201-733-7793.

Welfare unfairness — A commentary on the welfare reform bill

by Zarina V. Knight

I am currently a high school student in the state of New Jersey and, in my opinion, the New Jersey law against welfare recipients is very much needed. I have recently had the misfortune of riding the New Jersey Transit Number One, Sixteenth Avenue bus one afternoon. This bus is regularly picked by many young students on their way home from school. On this particular day, there was a different crowd trafficking the bus.

This crowd consisted of many African American females who openly boasted about being welfare recipients. These females were partly unkempt, loud, and had no concern about the impressions they left with the other passengers. One particular female, who appeared to be intoxicated, giving off odors between "funk" and stale air, continually spoke about the number of kids she had on welfare. "Hey girl, you know I done had three more kids since I last saw you. Umm hmm, that makes it five all together with twins on the way. I just came from

seeing if I could apply for these two."

Staggering over each word, she had no remorse about the other passengers or me knowing her personal business.

"I can't wait for the first — I'm gonna have a good time with that check. I'll give them brats ten dollars for food and that's a bit." Saying this, she quickly broke out into a laugh that made everyone turn to look. "What the hell you looking at," was her reply.

She or any of the others appeared no older than twenty-six, but

you could easily tell that life had given them a run for their money. The feelings she provoked in me were hard to contain, for her to be so young but to "wild." I just wanted to jump up and smack some sense in her. She made me feel as if she had no respect in herself, and even less for me.

Another lady, the one who was holding up the other half of the conversation, took out a "joint" and started smoking it. "Girl, this some good shit. I got this from these Jamaicans on Eighteenth and Grove."

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PSE&G launches campaign to find adoptive homes for African American children

TRENTON — The State of New Jersey, with support of the Minority Interchange Chapter of Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) launched a statewide recruitment campaign to find adoptive homes for 400 hundred African-American children in New Jersey.

The campaign, "One Organization, One Child," is co-sponsored by New Jersey's Department of Human Services' Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) and the New Jersey Task Force to Recruit Adoptive Homes for African American

Children, which was created by DYFS in November, 1990 to focus public attention on the urgent needs of these children. Some of the youths have been waiting more than two years for a permanent family.

During the public ceremony hosted by PSE&G in Newark, DYFS Director Nicholas R. Scalera, task force members and representatives of PSE&G's Minority Interchange Chapter urged corporations, community groups, churches and other organizations to grieve to find

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COV PEOPLE

Trevor Williams — Deja vu at Stevens Tech



Trevor Williams

HOBOKEN — Trevor Williams credits mentors with helping him achieve goals he once believed were beyond reach. Their influence and guidance led the Georgetown, Guyana native to take math and science enrichment courses as a high school student and study engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology. Today, Williams is director of STEP, the Stevens Technical Education Program, and associate dean of student affairs.

The youngest of four children, Williams was 12 when his family moved to the Bronx, N.Y. In Guyana, his older brothers had done well in school, but Williams was not interested in academics.

"I was a tinker and would put things apart," he said. "I was always around carpenters or anyone who was fixing something. My family

began to think that I should become a laborer."

Despite his initial awkwardness and dislike of multiplication tables, Williams developed an interest in science, specifically chemistry and biology, and even joined the school's science club. When he was a sophomore, one of his high school teachers convinced him to apply to a six-week summer program in science and engineering at Stevens for urban minority students.

In 1968, Williams and two of his high school classmates were accepted into the fledgling STEP course — one of the nation's first programs developed to improve the math and science understanding of minority high school students. Williams was a STEP student for two years, until his senior year in high school when he spent the summer

working to earn money for college. With the benefit of financial aid, he returned to Stevens in 1970 as a STEP freshman.

"I came into Stevens confident, having had a lot of good experiences and feeling that I knew the campus," Williams said. "I had a sense of arrogance that came from thinking I knew everything and didn't expect any academic difficulties. He was in for a rude awakening with a first semester grade point average of 0.8 out of a possible 4.0.

Devastated, he had to decide whether he could cut it at Stevens but he decided to continue his classes with tutoring in physics and calculus. As his grades improved, Williams started tutoring high school students himself and "giving help" some of what had been shared with him. He graduated as one of the first five-year STEP students in 1975.

Williams' life took many directions and after working at the New York Institute of Technology followed by seven years at Columbia University as assistant dean of student affairs, he was offered the position of director of STEP.

So, 12 years after he graduated, Williams returned to Stevens. Since then he has been overseeing the program's expansion. The Accelerated Mathematics Minority, Math Immersion, Pre-College and Middle School programs have also seen increases in the services provided and the number of students enrolled.

Efforts to involve Stevens more with the community, such as the Stevens/Hoboken Advanced Pipeline Education and Family programs, have been introduced under his guidance.

Williams divides his time out of the office as a volunteer member of the board of directors of Phase-Piggyback, Inc., a Harlem-based drug rehabilitation center and the Urban League of Hudson County, and helping students to balance their lives.

"My family, my wife and two young daughters live with me. I am a sort of home away from home for all students, not just those in STEP," he said. "Our house is a place for them to interact with a family and our daughters get the advantage of having a lot of big brother and sisters. I have benefited so much from having mentors in my life, that I realized I also want to be accessible for my students."

Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulker

How to Ruin a Relationship

Want to know how to screw up a relationship? If you do, then you should carry out the following behavior. After you do these things, you can be certain that your friend will hate your guts.

Criticize your friend, husband, wife, girl/boyfriend. Really find something wrong with everything that he/she does, everything you are in their company. Really make an ass of yourself. If you do this, your friend will soon become your enemy and you will have achieved your objective.

The intelligent, caring individual will look for something positive that the mate is doing and will enthusiastically tell him/her about good things. Select special time each week to discuss the positive changes that both of you can make in order to make the relationship happier.

Everytime that you get pissed off, immediately give your mate an angry piece of your mind. Are you upset? Good, then blow your top right away. Scream at your mate, now. Holler, shout, cuss, criticize.

After you finish doing this, you won't have to ever worry about blowing your top at your mate again, because your mate will happily walk right out of your life.

The smart individual will never discuss an issue with the mate when he/she is angry. He/she will wait until the anger subsides and the issue can be discussed in a positive manner that will benefit both partners.

Try to change the mate and make him/her what you want them to be. This will be certain to be interpreted as a threat to the person's freedom. They will then use you as a come defensive and fight any effort

to change them. This is an excellent way to make your mate become disgusted with you and walk right out of your life.

The caring, intelligent person will allow the girl/boyfriend, wife, husband or acquaintance to have the freedom to model his/her own behavior. Better yet, to find a person whose original personality is compatible with yours before you even consider starting a relationship, would you like for someone to try to change your behavior?

Try to manipulate the other person. Work out some malicious schemes that could harm him/her. Be sure to associate that the other person is too dumb to know what you're up to. This is a fine way to have your partner find out what you are doing and pull an even uglier scheme on you.

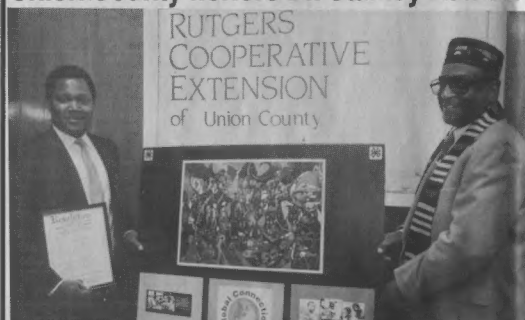
The wise mate will go out of his/her way to be socially correct in his/her behavior as possible. It is virtually impossible to change a person's behavior, on a permanent basis, unless one is skilled in behavioral change modalities. In addition, such manipulation of another person's behavior is ungodly.

In every instance above, the behavior is obviously negative and destructive. In order to become if petty, rather than ugly, ask yourself this question: Would I like for the other person to treat me the same way that I am treating him/her?

The golden rule, of course, is honey do unto me and have people on the right moral-ethical road for centuries. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

No directive is more certain to keep God in your corner. Follow the golden rule and you are promised happiness for eternity, by God.

Union County honors Dr. Stanley Kamara



Union County Freeholder Walter Mead, (r) recently presented a resolution to Dr. Stanley Kamara of Rahway, for his efforts in presenting a slide show to the Union County 4-H Program, which illustrates his childhood in Sierra Leone, West Africa. "Dr. Kamara was born and raised in Sierra Leone, South Africa," Mead said. "The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizes the importance of affording our residents the chance to learn and understand black history, internationally, nationally, and with respect to Union County — especially during February, which is Black History Month."

Artist James Andrew Brown at Bloomfield College



Bloomfield — Artist James Andrew Brown is welcomed to Bloomfield College by college leaders at a reception marking the opening of his conceptual installation "Amos 'N' Andy Meet the Brady Bunch." The exhibition, which runs through March 5 in the College's Westminster Art Gallery at Franklin and Fremont streets, examines the subliminal effects of mass media images on the development of stereotypical attitudes about race, culture, and gender. From left are:

Clarence H. Seniors, a member of the College's Board of Trustees; Nancy Bacci, lecturer in fine art at BC; Brown; and Alphonse A. Roman, special assistant for planning to Bloomfield College President John P. Noonan.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

MAHJAN — Art Bash in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Rutledge College will take place through to March 31. Opening reception on March 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information call 201-529-7565.

WATCHING — The works of the winners of the Watching Arts Center's 1991 Annual Juried Exhibition will be on display through to March 29 at the Center located at 18 Hudson St. For more information call 908-753-0190.

TRENTON — "The Significance of the Columbus Quincentenary from the Native American Point of View" will be addressed by Susan Shaw Harjo at the Brewster Student Center of Trenton State College from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For more information call 609-771-2468.

BLOOMFIELD — Pianist Joseph Jouvenot will perform at Bloomfield College at 12 p.m. in Room 214 of the College's Westminster Arts Center, Franklin and Fremont Sts. For more information call 201-748-9000, 218.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Development Agency will meet in the City Hall Library, 515 Watchung Avenue, for more information, call 908-753-3602.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 225 Watchung Avenue.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

TRENTON — English Professor Lillian Robinson will speak on "Theresa and Louisa and Sylvia and Annabella," 8 p.m. in the Patricia Hall Room 152 of Trenton State College. For more information call 609-771-2568.

MADISON — Dr. Opeyo Aggrey, chairman of the Department of Political Science at Montclair State College will discuss "Integration and Disintegration in African Politics," at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Lenville Hall at 8 p.m.

WAYNE — Dr. Sharon Smith, associate professor of art at William Paterson University will discuss early 20th century French artistic movement at 7:30 a.m. For more information call 201-595-2544.

MORRISTOWN — Morris County Arts Association will hold their annual art show at the Artium Art Gallery, Hall of Records, Court House during March and April from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 908-287-1722.

MORRISTOWN

A two-day workshop in calligraphy will be held at the Morris County Art Association and again on March 12. For more information call 908-287-7122.

EAST BRUNSWICK — The Delaware-Raritan Girl Scouts will launch their annual unit at 4 p.m. in 37 towns in Mercer, Middlesex, and parts of Monmouth, Somerset and Union. For more information call Carol Vitale at 908-281-9090.

HACKENSACK — A six-part workshop on Building Self-Esteem and Assertiveness Training will be offered at the Hackensack Life Counseling Center located at Bergen Tech, 250 Hackensack Avenue from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The workshops are March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9.

WAYNE — Chilean harpist/artist Lionel Pary will present a recital of baroque music at William Paterson College at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 201-595-2371.

WESTFIELD — Sexual Harassment will be discussed at the Women for Women's Monthly Community Workshop in the Guild Room of St. Paul's Church at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

CRANFORD — Fourteen selected paintings by artist Robert Birnstein will be displayed in a show entitled "Art in the Garden" through to April 30 in the Tansuolu Art Gallery of Union County College.

PLAINFIELD — Jersey City State College will hold a two-day reading/lecture conference on "A Touch of Harlem" until March 7. It will be held from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call 201-209-5125.

JERSEY CITY — "Giacus Flower" will be performed at 8 p.m. at the Rialto Cordell School, 158 Erie Street. It will also be performed on March 7, 13, 14, and 8 and 10 at 3 p.m. For more information call 201-665-1745.

EAST ORANGE — The East Orange VA Medical Center will host a nutrition support review course for health providers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 201-676-1000 ext. 2205.

BROOKLYN, NY — On Tap: Dance as Living History will feature some of today's best tap performances at 10:30 a.m. Also on Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m., there will be a take place at the Circuit Theater, 635 Carroll Street. For more information call 718-636-4130.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

WAYNE — A conference offering practical ways for teachers and instructors to work with children will be held at William Paterson College from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 908-255-4345.

JERSEY CITY — Rosemary Padilla O'Brien will be the guest speaker in the "Women in Power" class given at Jersey City State College at 3 a.m. in room 410 of the Rossey Building. For more information call 201-200-9251.

NORTH PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Gearing and Turn-Venish will host a Scholastic Dance at 7 p.m. in Sanger Hall, 220 Somerset Street. For more information call 908-233-7743 or 908-356-0477.

BLOOMFIELD — Bloomfield College will host a series of open houses and financial aid workshops for prospective students and their families from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 11 there will be an Open House for prospective nursing students and their families from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 11 there will be an Open House for prospective chiropractic students. For more information call 201-748-9000, ext. 230.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

NEWARK — The Upsilon Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will present its second annual Talent Show at the Billy Johnson Auditorium at the Newark Museum at 2:30 p.m. For more information call 908-588-6667.

WESTFIELD — The Music Studio will present at Faculty Recital at 3 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street. For more information call 909-359-0409.

EAST ORANGE — The Director and the Board of Trustees of the East Orange Public Library are hosting a book-signing party with Barbara Kulis, author of "Sung City, Newark Nightlife, 1925-1940." The party will take place from 2:30 p.m. with a reception to celebrate the opening of an exhibit of African American Art to follow from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

SUMMIT — Harry Allen and his Quartet will perform at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts located at 1000 Morris Avenue. For more information call 908-273-8121.

JERSEY CITY — A legal advice seminar for seniors will be conducted at the Payson Branch of the Jersey City Public Library at 10 a.m. For more information call 201-647-4524.

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SBF, 43, seeks serious companion 39-50, I'm a balcony chomper with a red umbrella. Let's trip the light fantastic. Please include phone number. P.O. Box 20151, Newark, N.J. 07101-6151.

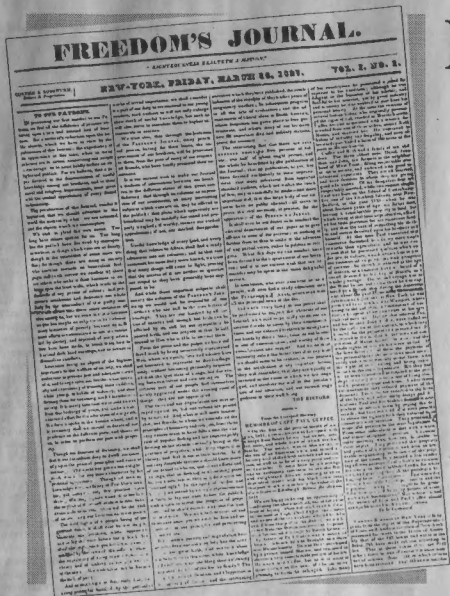
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To a woman of color (black or Hispanic) 20-32, black male professional 26-35 in good shape, looking for that special someone to create some moments that perhaps can become a truly significant relationship. Please send telephone number and photo to TC, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061

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SBF, 40 years young, never married, no children, no diseases and no nasty habits. I am seeking a serious black male between 40 and 50 who is secure, likes jazz, the outdoors, church, etc. Only the serious respond c/o Hines, POB 845, Paterson, NJ 07644-0845.



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OPINION EDITORIAL

Sisters, do it for yourselves

Did you know that as of February 25, 1992, women account for 11 percent of the total number of AIDS cases in America? Did you know that the number is continually rising (particularly among African Americans) as women are falling into the high-risk department for getting HIV-positive? With Women's History Month kicking off, we'd like to see sisters take a little bit of time out for the sake of health.

Women deserve to be saluted because women are one of the world's most productive and viable resources. Women need to be supported, developed, and protected. There are so many ways for women to get "cut down" in today's society. AIDS, cervical cancer, breast cancer, uterine cancer, stress, depression, chronic fatigue syndrome, and the list goes on. Sisters must take responsibility for their lives and their health.

So, take time out for a physical and get your teeth checked twice a year. Take time out for yourself once in awhile to alleviate stress. A warm bath, a night out with the girls, or even an hour or two alone can do wonders in relaxation. Have a mammogram done. Many times, breast cancer can be treated if it's detected early enough. Join an exercise class, learn how to cut fat and cholesterol from your diet.

Also, what has become a central part of all of our lives, take the time to learn how to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases. Run interference on these diseases by making suitable choices for yourself. Do not let one bout of carelessness turn into something you will regret forever. Take care of yourself, your sisters, daughters, mothers, and aunts. It's just one of the essentials for strengthening the community and providing for a healthy and positive future.



Commentary...

U.S. educational standards are a disgrace

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

Yet another report has been issued which cites the dismal results of American students in the areas of math and science. Unfortunately, most people paid little or no attention to the Educational Testing Service study, which found that ninety percent of US students are learning below international averages in math and science.

Ninety percent of our students learning below international averages in two of the most important and critical academic areas is a disgrace. While the major media outlets have focused on the sensational headlines of race, crime and political hype, none have used their awesome power to raise the consciousness of the American people about the crisis in education which exists in this country.

Gennifer Flowers, the woman who had an alleged affair with presidential candidate Bill Clinton, had her press conference covered live by all the major networks, but there wasn't any live coverage of Education Secretary Lamar Alexander's

press conference, when the results of the study were talked about. Maybe, it was because as Secretary Alexander stated at his conference, "This is not the kind of report that an America that likes to be first should be happy about."

The study reaffirms what countless others have pointed out over and over again, and that is that American students are falling further behind other students in most of the major industrialized nations in math and science. The comparative age group used in the study were 9 and 13-year-olds. The survey showed that 13-year-olds from the United States scored lower in math and science than students from Canada, France, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, the Soviet Union, Hungary, Italy, China, England, Israel, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain, Portugal and Brazil. Students in Japan and Germany did not participate in the survey, but if they had, based on prior studies they would have undoubtedly ranked higher than the American students. The only two countries which had students who scored lower than America were Ireland and Jordan.

Quote of the Week

"His story gave us cause to reconstruct our starting point. It changed the name of our first unknown relative from a common noun, slave, to a proper noun, African."

Pepsi Charles

on Alex Haley who died in February at the age of 70. Ms. Charles features a retrospect on the noted author in the March issue of ARTZ Magazine.

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As I See It...

by Connie Woodruff

In politics "timing is everything" according to an unwritten rule.

If that's true, then the newly formed South Ward Independent Democrats (SWID) will be strong enough to cause mischief in the ranks of the traditional "Regular Democrats" in Newark, particularly in the South Ward.

The good news is that activists unable to move up to the party hierarchy among the regulars, will find an outlet for their enthusiasm for politics in SWID.

The bad news is if SWID becomes a "loose cannon" in the political future game, they may take on the stature of spoiler in future crucial elections. One day they may be effective enough to change faces on the Newark City

Council, on the Board of Freeholders and in the state legislature.

You can bet all eyes will be on the Board of Education election since SWID has endorsed one of its members, Kim Gaddy, a member of the Donald Bradley Club Area, International Black Women's Congress and South Ward Neighborhood Council, Inc., which she heads as president.

In response to their invitation to call 201-923-5983, no one answered the phone nor did they have an automatic message taker. This is hardly being professional since I wanted more information about Gaddy, the school board election, and names of other candidates.

The South Ward Independent Democrats have also introduced their newsletter, "SWID Speaks Out!" The goal is to have the widest distribution possible in the South Ward and one would assume to keep residents abreast of which elected officials who live in the ward are up to as members of the City Council, Board of Freeholders, and state legislators. Mayor Sharpe James is also a resident of the South Ward.

Newark PSEA's top black executive, John Smith of Hackensack, lost his bid for Assembly seat last year but 1992 is a new ball game. It is rumored Smith is the top contender under consideration to succeed Assemblyman Bennett Mazure if he decides to retire midway his current term. Smith would become the first black to represent Bergen County's 37th legislative district.

When members of the Republican Progressive Assn. met

recently to reactivate the troops, John Smith was elected president and Mary Singletary of Monclair vice president.

The RPA is expected to play a key role in President Bush's reelection campaign in New Jersey, bringing the group together again with their leader and friend, former governor Tom Kean.

All the principles in the Steve Thomas-Yvonne Blake fight will have a pre-trial meeting with the Judge. Their friends are hoping the controversy will be settled without going through a long, drawn-out dirty linen airing in court.

Thomas and Blake came up for re-election this year along with colleagues Quilla Talmadge, Claude Craig and Ralph Harris. Given the media of voters to put incumbent council members out to pasture, a knock-down, drag-out battle is just what no council member should want at this time.

There is also a rumor some councilmen and women have chosen sides between Tom D'Alessio and Ray Durkin although nobody has said a word for publication. But a lot of folks are waiting to see if Mayor Cooper comes up with a favored slate as he did last year when he was successful in electing five new council members.

Essex County Freeholder President Sara Bost had been catching hell ever since she fired a budget consultant and two Freeholder aides a couple of weeks ago.

Now she has egg on her face again because Freeholders Arthur Clay, James Cavanaugh, Linda

Lordi Cavanaugh, Leroy Jones and Joe Parlevacchio, voted to reinstate the three men at the last freeholder meeting. So budget consultant, Francis McEnerny and aides Paul Reilly and Gary Kroessig are back on the job and the county payroll.

However, when it came to voting for the confirmation of Anthony Burke as the new director of the county Department of Parks and Recreation, the vote was 8-0. Freeholder Vice President Clay previously abstained from the vote on Burke's appointment.

It was a real display of political power for the right guy at the right place at the right time.

Burke's nomination was submitted by Executive Tom D'Alessio and despite the fact some freeholders are not on the friendliest terms with D'Alessio for the moment, they did not oppose his nomination.

Burke came with his own arsenal of strength as the assistant administrator of Newark's North Ward Educational Center, the social service agency founded and headed by Stephen Aduhato, Sr.

Burke is also Aduhato's son-in-law and Aduhato is a political ally of county executive D'Alessio.

Since the department covers "park, recreation, and cultural affairs," according to his resume, Burke would not need the added luster of his father-in-law's name. Burke's resume states he has more than 20 years of experience in the "development, administration, and implementation of varied recreational, athletic, and cultural programs" in the county.

But it never hurts to have a friend or two in high places.



Letter to the editor...

Jersey City blacks reach important milestone

Dear Editor:

With its formation two months ago and my involvement as a member of the Committee for a Black Interim Mayor, my initial concern focussed on how shamefully embarrassing it is to realize that for the third time in my adult life, our city has found itself suddenly without a mayor. That sad circumstance occurred initially in 1963 over the issue of our Mayor's lack of US citizenship. It happened again in 1971 and now in 1992 over the issues of conduct and fraud. The result of all three episodes is a stain on our already tarnished municipal image that may never be erased.

But after considering the question of whether every cloud does indeed have a silver lining, it occurred to me that during the years spanning these shocking scandals, our black political community fragmented at times but nevertheless undaunted, has moved steadily forward. And our list of accomplishments is substantial.

In 1963 we had neither the absolute numbers nor the regis-

tered voting strength to even consider the concept of a black mayor. But we did have Jersey City's first and (up to then) only black elected official, Councilman Fred Martin. Under his leadership in the sixties a number of important "firsts" in the area of black appointments were achieved. They were: a municipal court judge, a state assemblyman, an assistant superintendent of schools, a municipal department director, a public housing commissioner, and a state college trustee, to list a few. And then in 1970, with the federal indictment of our Mayor and seven other city and county officials and the resulting period of political uncertainty, Martin effected the appointment of Jersey City's first black freeholder. And this in turn helped set the stage for more important "firsts" during the Jordan administration which followed the conviction and resignation of Mayor Thomas Whelan — two black municipal department directors, the first black woman on the municipal court bench, a black superior court judge, and a black woman to head a county department.

The decade of the eighties witnessed the election of the first black Municipal Council Member at large, the first black Council president, and the first black woman as a Council Member. And more recently, in 1989 Glenn Cunningham became the first black candidate to qualify for a mayoral runoff election, and he performed creditably in that contest. More recently still, William Brakes has just been elected as the first black chairman of the Hudson County Board of Freeholders.

To me, all of the foregoing, coupled with the fact of February's annual designation as Black History Month, render it so very appropriate that a group of more than two hundred black citizens met in late February at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church to endorse the candidacy of Assemblyman Joseph Charles for the office of interim Mayor of Jersey City. Unfortunately, local newspapers failed to cover or note this history-making event, particularly the fact that for the first time in our town's history,

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Perth Amboy students study science at UMDNJ

PISCATAWAY — Five Perth Amboy High School minority students are learning about science careers and improving their research skills in a new mentoring program of the Perth Amboy Community Partnership for Youth.

The year-long program is based at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway. UMDNJ is New Jersey's university of the health sciences.

The five students travel once a week to the medical school, where they work with a faculty mentor on learning research skills and working in science-related careers. Dur-

ing the school year, they will learn skills such as how to develop a population survey and how to interpret the results.

The students, selected by a committee composed of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers and high school faculty members, were chosen based on their academic records. The students will continue to work with their mentors through the summer, when they will be paid. As a group, the students will develop and execute an original research survey concerning a health problem that affects Perth Amboy.

The group will present it to the faculty, community officials, peers and parents at the end of the summer.

The participating students are Diana Acosta, Maria Bernice Duran, Jorge Vega Jr., Ilana Roman and Sandra Manuella. Dr. Marilyn Aguirre-Molina, assistant professor of environmental and community medicine at the medical school, is the principal investigator.

The program, one of five nationwide, is funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) Champion of Women's Rights

Mary Church Terrell was born in 1863, the year of the Emancipation Proclamation. Her entire life was devoted to the fight for equality. A writer, lecturer, organizer, and demonstrator, Mrs. Terrell was active in the successful campaign to secure women the right to vote. She was instrumental in the campaign to desegregate the restaurants in the nation's capital.

Her achievements were numerous. In 1895 she was appointed to the District of Columbia school board; in 1896 she became one of the charter members of the National Association of Colored Women. In 1909 she joined the NAACP, then less than a year old. In 1913-14 she helped to organize the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and twenty-six years later wrote its famous creed, setting up a code of conduct for Negro women. She was also active in politics, campaigning and speaking out against discrimination and segregation. In World War I, she worked with the War Camp Community Service, an organization which, among other things, aided in the demobilization of Negro servicemen.

Mary Church Terrell was a United States delegate to several international conferences. In London she met the famous writer, H.G. Wells, and other luminaries. At the

ness skill who amassed a fortune in real estate before the turn of the century. Unwilling to have his daughter face discrimination in Tennessee, see, Robert Church sent Mary to Ohio where she attended private and public schools, and later, Oberlin College from which she was graduated in 1884 with a major in the classics.

By her own choice, Mary Church Terrell made her home in Washington in the 1890's, at that time a heavily segregated city. Except for public transportation, Washington

remained segregated until 1953. In that year, at the age of eighty-nine, Mrs. Terrell won the biggest and toughest battle of her life-long struggle against racial intolerance. She headed a committee of distinguished citizens to demand enforcement of a seventy-five-year-old law banning discrimination of "respectable persons" from restaurants. With several other Negroes, she went to a number of restaurants and was refused service. A suit was filed and the resulting test case went to the United States Supreme Court which



held that the old law was still valid. Shortly thereafter, the walls of segregation began to crumble in hotels, theaters and other places hitherto off-limits to Negroes.

Mary Church Terrell died in Annapolis, Maryland in 1954, a few months after hearing the United States Supreme Court declare that segregation itself was unconstitutional.

Taken from Mary Church Terrell, *A Colored Woman in a White World* (Washington, 1940).

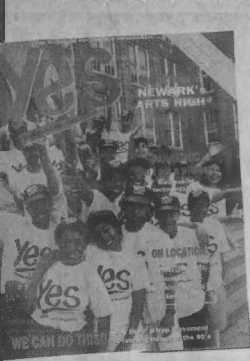
MC PEACHES: more than a pretty face

by Terry Benjamin

MC Peaches (Brika King) attempts to show and prove how a female rapper can rap as hard as a male rapper and still be respected. In her debut album from East/West records, this 22-year-old rapper from Newark, New Jersey comes on strong on the title track where she raps: So there's no need to wear a mini To make you choke Ya get gassed on my lyrics cause they're so dope I'm into records I'm not into selling my body So I don't need a bikini to rock a party.

This is a rapper on a mission to uplift the image of female rappers and make a name for herself as she makes strong statements on "She's Not Just Another Woman": The will to survive that keeps me going MC Peaches the one with the gift of gab To rock the crowd with the rhymes That you wish you had. "I'mma Let You Know" is a duet with Mello-Moe while "Every Breath You Take (Watching You, Love Don't Live Here Anymore)," "Another One Bites The Dust," and "I'm Not Missing You" incorporates music previously recorded by Sting, Rose Royce, Queen and John Waite. "I don't miss your kiss or even your embrace/Too put it bluntly I don't want to see your face," MC Peaches raps on "I'm Not Missing You," showing that she is not afraid to tackle the thorny issue of male

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'Hooray For Children' at Newark Public Library

NEWARK — On Saturday, March 7, the Newark Public Library will present an animated film, "The Care Bears Movie II: A New Generation" at 2 p.m. in the 4th floor Auditorium. On Saturday, March 11, the Library will present its monthly live performance featuring Jeff Hess in a program entitled "More than Mime," at 2 p.m. in Centennial Hall.

The Care Bears have been described as "cuddly champions of love," and star in a "sunny, animated fantasy."

"More than Mime" combines traditional mime, slapstick clowning, and character acting. Imaginative comedy routines are peppered with lively audience participation segments.

Jeff Hess has been acting, clowning, and miming for fifteen years. He has appeared on television, in New York theater performances, and with several circuses. Hess has received several high honors for his work including the 1986 Outstanding Young Men in America Award "for his dedication to sharing the arts with young people."

"More than Mime" is a production of the Don Quixote Experimental Children's Theatre.

Admission to the Library programs are free and open to the public. The Library is at 5 Washington Street. For information, telephone Program Hotline 201-733-5643 or 201-733-7730 or 201-733-7797.

Girl Scouts bolster community support

EAST BRUNSWICK — The Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council successfully completed a supply drive for children with AIDS or HIV Positive, which resulted in hundreds of boxes of goods collected.

Local Girl Scouts notified the community of the overwhelming need for baby supplies, beds, household cleaners, etc. to benefit youngsters at the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children.

Residents gave freely to help these children who live each day without comfort, health and family. In fact, the out-pouring of support resulted in the accumulation of supplies that filled a conference room! "I'm completely overwhelmed," said Terry Zealand, Ph.D. and executive director of the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children. "This support will touch the lives of many, many children."

The Foundation, which runs its operation from Newark, Jersey City, Elizabeth and Neptune, has served as a hospital alternative for children with AIDS or testing HIV Positive.

All items donated were new because the children are highly susceptible to infection. For further information, contact Betty Ann Marks, 908/821-9090.

Letter to editor

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representatives of most major political and religious factions of the local black community came together for a common goal.

It's my strong view that Assemblyman Charles is one of the most qualified candidates to ever seek the office of Mayor. Regardless, however, of the ultimate fate of his candidacy, it has served as the vital catalyst for a huge upward surge of the maturation level of the black community and hopefully, that of the entire town as well.

Signed,
Julian Robinson

Mr. Robinson is vice president for Student Services at Jersey City State College and has served as a commissioner of the New Jersey Highway Authority since 1978.



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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

NEWARK — The Urban Family Conference will convene on March 6 and 7. It will begin on Friday at St. John's United Fellowship Baptist Church at 1068 Bergen Street. For more information call 201-923-1658.

PLAINFIELD — St. Bernard's Church and the Plainfield Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from 8-3:30 p.m. at the Holy Family School Gym, 365 Emerson Avenue. To make an appointment call 908-756-3393 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLAINFIELD — The Church Women United will have a World Day of Prayer at First Park Baptist Church, 315 West Seventh Street at 1:30 p.m. The theme is "Living Wisely with Creation."

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

PATERSON — "Women in Social Ministry: An African American Perspective," will kick off Women's History Month at the Paterson Free Public Library. The program will feature Rev. Thomas C. Mitchell, and will begin at 2 p.m. in the Library's Main Assembly Room, 250 Broadway. For more information call 201-357-3026.

SHORT HILLS — Mount Zion Church will celebrate men and women believers at the Short Hills, Morris Township. The Honorable Brenda Blackman, anchor, host, and award winning talk show host of WNCN-TV Channel 9 is the guest speaker. For more information, call 201-762-1800.

FAIR LAWN — A one day conference on "Learning and Living Prosperity Consciousness" will be held at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anne's Church. For more information or to make reservations call 908-232-5987. The conference is being sponsored by the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

NEW BRUNSWICK — An evening of Gospel Music with Sister Sadie and the Famous Bibles will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Sharon Baptist Church at 225 Howard Street. For more information call 908-745-4889 or 908-745-3888.

NEWARK — The New Hope Baptist Church Scholarship Fund presents a gospel concert featuring Roberta Pack and the New Hope Youth Inspirational Choir at 7 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 106 Sussex Avenue. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information call 201-622-4547.

Sweet Honey

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Victoria Foundation's support, we can now offer the youth of Newark access to Sweet Honey's life-affirming message, regardless of their economic circumstances.

Workshops will take place on March 4 and March 6 at six social service agencies. A special concert will be presented for participants of the program at Essex County College on March 5.

Participants in the program include, from Newark, the Youth Consultation Service, Protestant Community Centers, Inc., Tri-City Peoples Corporation, International Youth Organization, Bruce Street School for the Deaf, and the Girl Scouts Council of Greater Essex County of Montclair. All participants received extensive preparation in workshops led by the Woodson Foundation and members of Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Sweet Honey in the Rock can also be seen as part of the Woodson Foundation's annual OnStage in New Jersey performing arts series. Performances are March 7 at 8 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall and March 8 at 4 p.m. at Red Bank Regional High School. For more information call 201-242-8110.

Dr. John Henrik Clarke on Malcolm X

NEWARK — Frontline Artists launches its 1992 Malcolm X Ancestral Memory Project with a special lecture by Dr. John Henrik Clarke on March 12 at 6 p.m. in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, Rutgers University.

Dr. Clarke will speak on "The Legacy of Malcolm X and the Waters of Nationhood." There will also be a book signing party for his recently reprinted, "Malcolm X: The Man and His Times." For more information call 201-622-2505.

Solomon Ransom receives Whitney Young Service Award from Boy Scouts

NEWARK — Solomon Ransom of Newark has been presented with the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award by the Essex Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award was established in 1978 to honor individuals or organizations whose devoted service makes the civil rights leader's dream of "justice and equality for all" a reality by bringing Scouting to low-income urban and rural youth.

Ransom has been a leader of Pack and Troop 152 of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Newark since 1966, first as Cubmaster and now as Scoutmaster.

Along with serving on several committees and as a member of the Essex Council Executive Board, Ransom has also organized packs



Solomon Ransom of Newark (left) accepts the Boy Scouts of America's Whitney M. Young Award from Kenneth King (right). Essex Council President, Ransom's wife, Norma, is at far left.

and troops throughout Newark, focusing on training leadership for units in low-income public housing projects.

Ransom has raised funds to send disadvantaged Scouts to summer

camp and acted as camp Scoutmaster to groups of Special Scouts. He has also received two of the Boy Scouts of America's most prestigious awards, the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award.

Plainfield banks

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with United National reporting the same. First Fidelity reported that they have one minority member. Commenting on these figures the Commission stated that the banks must actively seek minority representation on their boards.

The banks did better on the second question. Crestmont reported employing two minority executives, which is 12 percent of the executive population. Crestmont also has an overall minority employment rate of 27 percent. First Fidelity boasts of employing 77 African American executives, and United National provided no information on their Board of Directors and also did not respond to the executive question.

All three banks were cited to have an affirmative action policy in place, but it is hard to judge the effectiveness since supporting data was provided.

United National is very involved with reinvestment back into the minority community. They have worked with several City agencies and have often supported business in Plainfield. However, Lee cited discussions that they have had with

African American and Hispanic bank customers who have not been treated with sensitivity when dealing with bank personnel. Morgan stated that the Commission had spoken with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, who also agreed UNB's treatment left something to be desired.

Crestmont indicated on its survey that a large percentage of deposit balances from their city went used in loans in the area. First Fidelity provided the Commission with a lengthy explanation of the projects they have worked on with the community, but a variety of the activities were in the city of Newark, where the bank is headquartered. No mention was made of projects in Plainfield.

The three banks also had low marks regarding their practices on procuring minority contracts. United National did provide any information and First Fidelity stated that, no procurement contracts have been done between the bank and minority businesses.

The Commission's report will be updated on March 3 upon completion of meeting with the Dime

Savings Bank, then it will be final. The Council thanked the Commission for "a fine job" and also thanked Verna Hannah, a citizen who had been persistent in trying to receive this information.

Councilman Malcolm Duman and Councilwoman Elizabeth Urquhart said that if the citizens didn't ask questions about the banks, the Council may not have received this much needed information.

The City does 95 percent of its business with United National with the other 5 percent split between the Dime and First Fidelity.

PSE&G campaigning for adoption

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a family to adopt one African American child or sibling group. PSE&G is already participating in the project and will help DYFS and the task force gain additional support in the community.

There are more than 2,100 children under DYFS supervision in various stages of the adoption process. Of these, approximately 1,400 — or 66 percent — are African American. Further, of the 2,100 children under DYFS supervision, about 800 were legally free for adoption as of December 31, 1991.

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Newark Public Library recognizes Women's History Month

NEWARK — March is Women's History Month and the Library will be recognizing the event with programs in addition to its large collection of books for and about women.

On Wednesday, March 4th, at 7 p.m. in the James Brown African-American Room, the Library's P.E.W. Harper Library Society will present "A Salute to Alice Walker" with a discussion of Walker's recently published book of poetry, "Her Blue Body Everything We Know."

On Saturday, March 14th, at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium, the Library is presenting the film "Princess Tam-Tam," starring Josephine Baker. Cheryl A. Wall, Associate Professor of English at Rutgers University, who teaches Afro-American literature will introduce the film and relate it to the art and literature of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's.

In addition to programs, the Library offers a wide variety of books on or about women: women in the professions, in literature and the arts, in science and politics, in history and in contemporary affairs. There are books on women criminals, and women detectives, on women explorers, executives, and entrepreneurs, and several books on self-defense for women.

Some recent additions to the collection include:

"O'Keefe and Stieglitz: A Romance" joins other works about Georgia O'Keefe. Hayden Herrera's study of Frida Kahlo, the Mexican artist, is available in English and in Spanish. Two new, beautifully illustrated books, "Madeleine Vionnet," the life and works of an early twentieth-century French clothing designer and "Women Silversmiths, 1685-1845," attest to the

long history of women in the creative arts.

Although Sir Thomas Beecham declared that "there were no women composers," the "International Encyclopedia of Women Composers" lists 6,169 women composers beginning with the harpist Hecuba, c. 2450.

The James Brown African-American Room has materials on historical and contemporary black women: Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s critical anthology, "Reading Black: Reading Feminist"; "Black Sister: Poetry by Black American Women 1746-1980"; a sixteen-volume reference collection on "Black Women in American History"; and one on "Black Women in Antiquity."

"Past and Present: Lives of New Jersey Women," published by the Women's Project of New Jersey, is available in the New Jersey Division.

Readers may learn about women in Japan in "Reflections on the Way to the Gallows: Rebel Women in Prewar Japan," about the novelist Jean Rhys in a new biography of that name; how Cher keeps in shape in "Cher: Forever Fit"; and about women's wartime history in "Into the Breach: American Women Overseas in World War I." Private thoughts of women may be garnered from the annotated bibliography, "Women's Diaries, Journals, and Letters."

For young readers, the Children's Room has a wide variety of books, as does each branch library.

"Women remain a major constituency of libraries," observed Dr. Alex Boyd, "We recognize them through the Library, not only in March but during the entire year."

Tony Brown in Summit



Tony Brown

SUMMIT — Tony Brown, of Tony Brown's Journal and Tony Brown Productions, Inc., will lead a discussion focusing on "Media in the Black Experience," at Mountain Baptist Church, 116 Glenade Avenue. The program will begin at 9 a.m. on March 8. It is the sixth topic in an ongoing church school series of black history studies to be conducted in 1992.

Tony Brown is a television commentator, syndicated newspaper columnist, and movie director. He is establishing the "Freedom Television Network" and is writing his first book, "No White Lies, No Black Lies, Only the Truth. For information call 908-273-1199.

MC Peaches

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tionships. Also in this groove is "Good Thing," a stinging blow to a wayward lover.

MC Peaches shows that she is all about self-expression and self-respect on "JoAnn-Cutro," a track that come down hard on "video hoes, young women who use their bodies to get roles in music videos. Peaches pleads "Sister, don't go out like that."

On "Keep It In Your Pants, Tuckaway," Peaches tells young women how to handle an overly

aggressive male: Step as a Nubian be real proud / If the treats you like bust screams on him loud.

Train him like a dog or beat him like a dog Start to bug like you was in a drag.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5

NEWARK. — City of Newark, Div. of Cultural Affairs presents, "Newark Night," at the "Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus," at Meadowlands Avenue at 7:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$8.50-\$15; (discount coupon from Dorca office (Rm B-23, City Hall) \$6.50.

INGLEWOOD. — The NJ Symphony Orchestra will perform at the John Harms Center at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

NEW YORK. — The Coca-Cola Concert Series presents the legendary rhythm & blues songstress Gladys Knight at The Paramount at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information call 212-465-MS01.

RED BANK. — The NJ Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Count Basie Theatre at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

NEWARK. — OnStage In New Jersey will present, "Sweet Honey in the Rock," at Newark Symphony Hall. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

TRENTON. — Trenton State College Theatre productions presents, "The Art of Dining," at Trenton State College's Cromwell Main Lounge through March 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 students and \$100 wild; \$5 general public.

TRENTON. — The NJ Symphony Orchestra will perform at the War Memorial Theatre at 8 p.m.

SOMERVILLE. — The New Jersey Ballet Company will be performing at Raritan Valley Community College at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 Orch/Mez; \$12.50 balcony. For more info, or reservations call 908-725-3420.

RAHWAY. — A 50's Review featuring Freddie Parise, The Five Satins, The Chiffons, and The Impalas will be held at the Union County Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-499-8226.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

REDBANK. — OnStage In New Jersey will present, "Sweet Honey in the Rock," at RedBank Regional High School. For more info, call 201-242-8110.

SUMMIT. — The Heany Allen Quartet will perform at the Summit Center for Visual Arts in the Jazz at the Art Center Series at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$50. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

NEWARK. — The NJ Symphony Orchestra will perform at Newark Symphony Hall at 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

RAHWAY. — "The Shoe," a satire of Cinderella, will be performed through to the 14 at the Union County Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-499-8226.

Denise DeBose — From swatches, rags, and patterns to...

by Stacey Peterson

HACKENSACK — Her teachers could not teach her anything because she already knew her craft. Regis Philbin and others could not



Denise DeBose

that is on the verge of notoriety. "I've been kicked in the ass, used, accused, and abused, but I would never do it to my fellow man," she said. Instead, she turned her energies towards making a name for herself in the industry.

Initial jobs as a seamstress, a commercial artist, and a model, all gave her exposure to the business that she loved and struggled in. She made a living from doing fashion shows, and even did a stint posing for the art students at the School of Visual and Performing Arts.

But, ironically, it was the death of her mother — her lifetime, that served as the catalyst for her recent successes.

"We were working on our first coat," Ms. DeBose said. "I wanted to try and move into stores with her."

She explained that when her mother, who was sick with cancer, could not work anymore, she could not her daughter that she must go on.

"She told me to continue what she's doing," Ms. DeBose said. And as a legacy to her mother, she did, and strolled right into a deal with Macy's, Newark.

One of her favorite stories, she said she basically walked off the street and blew the buyers' minds.

"I went onto Macy's with one of my coats," she said. "I didn't know anything about the manufacturer. He could either say yes, or no."

He said "yes" and before she knew it, she was compensated as an independent contractor, and can now say that coats bearing the name "DeBose" grace the floor of Macy's junior coat department in Newark.

Always one to give thanks to those who help her, she graciously thanks Ed Bacher of Macy's, who she said "recognized my talent and gave me a chance."

But, even though Denise DeBose walked out of Macy's with more than \$4,000 and the respect of one of the largest retail chains in the country, she took her past experiences and rolled with them. In 1983, prior to the Macy's success, she took a free ticket to the "New York Live" show prior to it becoming "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," and ended up impressing Regis Philbin so much that he brought her on the show as a guest, showed off her designs, and expressed a strong interest in hiring her as a designer.

Ms. DeBose said that Philbin looked over her swatches and picked out what he liked.

"With Regis, it was the right chemistry at the right time," she said. "I went to the show and sat in the audience." She said that after (continued on page 8)

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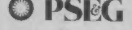
Mr. Rasheed echoes a common belief: "We have the responsibility to give something back in order to make a difference."

With his community service focused on education, he makes the time to tutor high school students through the North Edison Civic Association and to provide Islamic counseling at five New Jersey correctional facilities. He also serves as a mentor through the 100 Black Men Organization. The list of activities includes more than a dozen additional volunteer relationships.

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BET presents dialogue with black filmmakers

WASHINGTON, DC (ENTERTAINMENT WEEK) — Black Entertainment Television's (BET) 12-part series, "Dialogue with Black Filmmakers," concludes this month with features on two of today's brightest talents including Oscar nominee, John Singleton.

This series, hosted by "Roots" author Alex Haley, explores the current renaissance of black filmmakers Monday nights at 7 p.m. for 30 minutes.

The following are the last two filmmakers to be interviewed and the topics to be discussed.

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March 9 John Singleton: Singleton talks about his rites of passage from aspiring writer to Hollywood director

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CITY BUSINESS

Business Exchange...

The Haitians and them

by William Reed

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

WEST WINDSOR - "Clarifying Roles and Expectations" will be the class held at Mercer County Community College from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Also, "Negotiating for Success" will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. through to April 8 on Wednesdays. For more information call 609-586-9446.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

WEST WINDSOR - "Introduction to Paradox" will be held at Mercer County Community College. It will also be held on March 12. Both classes will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 609-586-9446.

BRIDGEPORT - South Jersey's Second Annual Venture Idea Fair will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Conference Center, Pureland Industrial Complex. For more information call 609-665-4877.

BRIDGEPORT - First Line Supervisory Skills. Manufacturing will be presented as part of the Gloucester County Management Breakfast Series from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Pureland Industrial Complex.

UNION - Finding Your Career Path Through Testing will be offered at Kean College for two consecutive Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call 908-527-2210.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

WEST WINDSOR - "Introduction to Wordprocessing" will be held at Mercer County Community College. It will also be held on March 13. For more information call 609-586-9446.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

NEWARK - Essex County College and the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will offer an "Introduction to International Trade" This course will also cover principal aspects of financial operations, transportation, shipping and collection documents as well as government regulations. Courses run Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon through April 4. For further information call Essex County College's On-Campus Continuing Education: 201-467-4210, or Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce 201-462-6237.

WEST WINDSOR - "Selling with Style in a Down Economy" will be the class held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will also be held on March 13. Also, "Market Research" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and again on March 14. All classes will be held at Mercer County Community College. For more information call 609-586-9446.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

EDISON - Cindy Conrad, Sr. Business Consultant on the state office of Technical Assistance, will be the guest speaker at the Edison Clarion Hotel as part of a workshop held by the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-745-2577.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

UNION - Setting Career Goals will run for six consecutive Thursdays at Kean College from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information call 908-527-2210.

EASTHANOVER - A seminar on "Doing Business with Minority Vendors" will take place at the Ramada Inn on Route 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be followed by a trade fair from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call Doris Gansler at 201-379-1100.

old Soviet bloc that these gifts were. "From the American people, who assure you that the struggle for democracy is worth it." In a clear illustration that white friends, seeking democracy, were more important to them than black ones looking for the same thing, the people who perpetuate the nation's system on institutional racism, extended a helping hand to their European kin and gave a swing of the foot to our Haitian kin.

Attempting to flee the military that overthrew the government of President Jean Bertrand Aristide in a coup d'etat, thousands of Haitian refugees took enormous risks on rickety boats to seek entry into the U.S. But, "they" would not allow the black boat people a place of retreat or security and piled them on Coast Guard boats and returned them to beatings, torture and executions on an island nation just a few miles from our shores. "They" used the U.S. military, and \$100 million of the defense budget, to send supplies thousands of miles to people of similar color strains in Kirgistan, and a number of other "stans." In a program, ironically called "Operation Provide Hope," they will have made 54 airflights to furnish aid to people who are, and always were, better off than the Haitians.

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Now, she is right on the bubble of success and her endeavor to gain backing looks to be coming through from the Department of Economic

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Trump Plaza hosts Minority Business Trade Fair

ATLANTIC CITY — Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino will be the site of the Minority Business Trade Fair on Friday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Minority and women-owned businesses will be on hand to provide several services including: computer hardware and supplies; retail clothing and jewelry; kitchen equipment and supplies; travel agents; plumbing supply

houses; graphic art houses; and several others.

Trump Plaza officials say that this business fair will demonstrate their outstanding commitment to providing MBE/WBEs with business opportunities through meetings and one-on-one interviews.

For more information or to make reservations call Sandra Rodriguez at 609-441-6535.

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are not discriminatory unless we collectively rise up and say forthrightly, "This ain't right!" Surely, they will continue to send economic assistance to Israel and Europe at the rate of 10 to 1 over Africa and the Caribbean, unless we say directly to them, "This just ain't right!" As long as we accept institutional

racism and continue to go along in order to get along, we will sit on the sidelines and watch black after black turned away from our shores. Why the African-American community hasn't come down on them, and more of us, like a Mac Truck for equity and humanitarian justice is still a mystery to many.

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The non-refundable registration fee is \$29.95 in advance and \$39.95 at the door. For more information call MVP Associates at 908-382-3600.

Plainfield banks

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board with United National reporting the same. First Fidelity reported that they have one minority member. Commenting on these figures the Commission stated that the banks must actively seek minority representation on their boards.

The banks did better on the second question. Crestmont reported employing two minority executives, which is 12 percent of the executive population. Crestmont also has an overall minority employment rate of 27 percent. First Fidelity boasts of employing 77 African American executives, and United National provided no information on their Board of Directors and also did not respond to the executive question.

All three banks were cited to have an affirmative action policy in place, but it is hard to judge the effectiveness since supporting data was provided.

United National is very involved with reinvestment bank into the minority community. They have worked with several City agencies and have often supported business in Plainfield. However, Lee cited discussions that they have had with African American and Hispanic bank customers who have not been treated with sensitivity when

dealing with bank personnel. Morgan stated that the Commission had spoken with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, who also agreed UNB's treatment left something to be desired.

Crestmont indicated on its survey that a large percentage of deposit balances from their city were used in loans in the area. First Fidelity provided the Commission with a lengthy explanation of the projects they have worked on with the community, but a variety of the activities were in the city of Newark, where the bank is headquartered. No mention was made of projects in Plainfield.

The three banks also had low marks regarding their practices on procuring minority contracts. United National didn't provide any information and First Fidelity stated that no procurement contracts have been done between the bank and minority businesses.

The Commission's report will be updated on March 3 upon outcome of meeting with the Dime Savings Bank, then it will be final.

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Thursday, March 12, 1992, at 3:00 p.m., at the Van Dyke Street Office. ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND, BUT NON ATTENDANCE WILL NOT CAUSE REJECTION OF THE BID.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of the bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on the Proposal Form and sealed in an envelope marked BID FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY.

All bids are to be hand delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS JR., Assistant Executive Director Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick

LEGAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO PREPARE COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of the City of Orange is requesting proposals to provide professional consulting services to prepare the required submissions for the 1992 Comprehensive Grant Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Comprehensive Grant Program of submission should include, but is not limited to:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Physical Needs Assessment & Strategies For Correction
- Management Needs Assessment & Strategies for Correction
- Analysis of Long-Term Viability & Reasonable Cost
- Five-Year Action Plan
- Interaction in Planning Process With Government Officials and Residents, Including Public Hearing On Comprehensive Plan
- Update Energy Audits
- Update Homeless Needs Assessment As Per Section 501 Guidelines
- Develop Cost Estimates For All Work Items
- Any & All Other Work Necessary To Comply With HUD Requirements Regarding The Comprehensive Grant Program

Proposals must be submitted on or before 1:00 P.M., March 27, 1992 to the offices of the Authority, 310 Thomas Boulevard, New Jersey 07050 clearly marked to the attention of William Reid - Proposal to Provide Consulting Services for CGP.

For additional information, call William Reid - 201-677-4553 3-4-92

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey at the Administrative offices of the authority, located at No. 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, N.J., is soliciting proposals for a financial audit for fiscal years ending September 30, 1990, and 1991.

The Authority presently administers the following: Public Housing Management - 100 Section 8 Certificates and Voucher - 114

Proposals must include submission of cost, detailing a fee structure for all services to be performed and a statement of qualification, which should include experience in the auditing of HUD and Frank programs.

All proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m., on March 31, 1992 to the Housing Authority of the Township of Franklin, 1 Parkside Street, Somerset, N.J. 08879.

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ABOVE STATED DATE AND TIME. All interested firms should contact the Authority at the above address or by calling (609) 354-3300. DWAYNE K. CRUSE, Executive Director 3-4-92

Fax Your Bids To City News 908-754-3403

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange is requesting proposals to provide legal services to the Authority for a one year period beginning May 1, 1992.

A copy of the Request for Proposal may be obtained by contacting the office of the Executive Director at 201-677-4553.

Proposals must be received on or before 4:00 p.m., March 27, 1992, at the office of the Authority, 340 Thomas Boulevard, Orange, New Jersey 07050.

All proposals must be clearly marked "PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES".

WILLIAM REID, The Executive Director 3-4-92

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take Notice, that Robert Cummings, Auctioneer shall expose for sale, in accordance with F.S. 38 10A-1, at Public Auction on 3/19/92 at 9:00 A.M. one '88 Dodge, VIN 1B3-3G24K0K026532 and one '88 Subaru, VIN JF1KA2A7807038 at 896 Communique Ave., J.C., N.J., which came into possession of Sernio's Auto Body, Inc. through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same. 3-4-92

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

Sealed bids for the following proposals will be received at The Office of the Manager, New York Area FCP Supply Services Division, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, One World Trade Center, Room 82 South Street, New York, NY 10048 until 11:00 A.M. on the dates indicated below at which time and place said proposals will be opened and read.

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Director of Operations/Management

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PLANNING DIRECTOR

SALARY \$39,328 to \$54,233

Must possess a current and valid license as a professional planner in New Jersey issued by the State Board of Professional Planners; a degree B.A. or B.S. in mech. engineering degree plus. Excellent human relations, communication, administrative and leadership skills required. Public Housing management experience a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Comprehensive benefit package. Send resume by March 3rd to: P.O.B. 1965, South Hackensack, NJ 07606. Equal Opportunity Employer

HELP WANTED

CONTRACTORS WANTED

Metra Industries, 50 Muller Place, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424, 201-812-0333 is requesting proposals from MBES, WBEs and Minority and Economically Disadvantaged Firms, for work on the Relief Interceptors Project Contract No. 3 for the Town of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Responses needed as soon as possible. E.O.E.

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Young, Gifted and Black: The Princess of Mid Air

by Bruce Karriem

It is not often that I have an opportunity to sit down and write an article about a sports figure. Usually I am so busy with other responsibilities, or when I do have the time to write it is nearly always about the political situations of the day, and as we all know from reading the front pages of our local tabloids, these situations can very often lead to a case of chronic depression. So I look forward to writing about the great and wonderful Nakia Hill and I hope and pray that my humble words, feelings and thoughts can do justice to this bright and shining star. I do not get an opportunity to follow high school basketball as closely as I once did. Twenty-four hours is simply not enough time to accomplish all of the things that one has to accomplish in the course of a day and most of the time I am just too busy to take time out and enjoy a hard fought and well played Christ the King basketball game. Hopefully, the coming year will afford an opportunity for me to slow down.

I have been blessed to witness some classic games in this City over the years. I don't think I will ever forget the 1981 PSAL City championship thriller between Andrew Jackson High School and Alexander Hamilton. This was a game that featured such greats as Jerry "Ice" Reynolds and Andre "Sly" Ervin, and then, of course, there was George Allen and Eddie Harris of South Jamaica. Sticks, pins, rejects, hang time...this game had it all. The magnificent shooting of Rich "Radar" Anderson in Springfield was another classic year of 1983, when they won their first City championship, is another classic year that I have stored away in my memory banks.

Certainly there have been players throughout the years who have been unfairly criticized by the media in this town, but I think very few have had to stand against the unfair bargains that have come the way of

Nakia Hill. In Michael Dobies December 1, 1991 New York Newsway article entitled: "Spotlight on Nakia," Ms. Hill is quoted as saying, "It was really obvious I was being overshadowed and it wasn't fair." This writer agrees completely with Nakia's assessment of her junior year at Christ the King. It was amazing and difficult to understand how Nakia Hill could be recognized by national basketball magazines as one of the best players in the nation, but yet not make the New York Daily News All City Team. It simply did not make sense.

The Assistant Athletic director at Christ the King and I both agree that a great player should receive proper and due recognition for their contributions to a team whether they are a freshman, sophomore, junior or whatever. And please note that I said "a great player" and not a potentially great player. I believe that most sports experts would agree that without the dynamic and all encompassing presence of Nakia Hill those state championships and national rankings would have been an impossibility. In 1980, when only a rookie in the NBA, it was generally accepted by the press that Magic Johnson was the glue that held the L.A. Lakers together though it was Kareem Jabbar who was the se-

soned and established veteran and certainly "Little Louie" had no problem in up-playing, in 1983, his super sophomore Chris Mullin while virtually ignoring the contributions of his seniors Billy Goodwin and Dave Russell. My question there becomes, "Why would Nakia Hill not receive due recognition when her team wins and then have the blame placed almost squarely on her shoulders when the team loses?" Just some questions to make you go... hmmm. It is this writer's contention that when it is all said and done Nakia Hill will have shown that she deserves to be recognized with Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) and Kenny Anderson as one of the greatest players to be produced in this City. Her impact at the University of Georgia and the Division I level will be greater than those who have left Christ the King before her. This is my prediction and I simply say...wait and see.

As Jermaine Jackson gave a "word to the bad," I would like to offer in conclusion, a word to the bad sister: Dear Nakia, it is my hope and prayer that you have a great year this season. I believe that you are a true leader and a fine role model for the youth in this City. Stay strong and stay focused, and please pay no attention to overly

harsh and unfair criticism. Play hard and play for those whom you know to love and care about you. Play for your mom, play for your uncle, and certainly play for yourself. Be an example for the younger team members, who quite naturally, will make mistakes. This is your team, and whether it is acknowledged publicly or not it was always your team. Remember, everyday all of us grow a little more and hopefully learn just a bit more. Those who have been unfairly hard on you cannot do what you can do on the Court. I have labeled you "young, gifted, and black" and have dubbed you "The Princess of Mid-Air."

Please continue to grow athletically, spiritually, and intellectually. Study hard in this your senior year and in college also. Acquire a love for books and learning, for knowledge is something that can never be taken from you. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave us an excellent philosophy for life when he stated: "If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, be a scrub in the valley. But be the best little scrub on the side of the hill...a bush if you can't be a tree...if you can't be a highway just be a trail...if you can't be the sun, be a star...for it isn't by size that you win or you fail...be the best at whatever you are."

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parties concerned, each and every time.

Critics, some of whom know better, and others in the media continue to suffer from selective amnesia regarding the NAACP's tradition of freedom of choice for its members. The recent national election for Directors-at-large, chosen by our faithful membership, and the election of officers by our dutiful Board of Directors, reinforces our commitment to strong participatory civil rights leadership. It ensures that the NAACP will be prepared to continue the struggle for true equality and a more just America, well into the next century.

The characterization by many media types of a turbulent National NAACP Annual Meeting and Board Meeting is factually incorrect. Terms like "grabbing power," and "undermining authority," are misplaced and untrue, especially when it is clear that the policy body of this association is the Board of Directors, and staff is charged with implementation. This is no different than most large corporations, religious and civic groups or even news organizations. We function within the same fluid internal political environment. Change is always difficult. But we believe that debate and dissent are normal and healthy. Ultimately, this process leads to a stronger, more vibrant association.

As our Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks said, "As with any organization, and especially one

that has been a powerful force on the scene for some 83 years, we have our share of critics. We do not shrink from this criticism, but we find that much of it is misinformed."

In regards to our Executive Director, as Dr. Hooks said in his official retirement statement at a press conference, "I announced my intention to retire as the NAACP's Executive Director/CEO at the end of contract year, April 1, 1993. It was not a sudden decision. The fact of the matter is, that the Chairman of the Board, Dr. William P. Gibson had appointed a contract negotiation committee in March of 1991. There was never any disagreement or dispute over the contract."

Dr. Hooks' tenure has been very productive, and we are very proud of his many accomplishments over the past 15 years.

However, despite all our efforts, many blacks are still shut out of the economic and political mainstream in this country. Many white Americans continue to oppose black achievement and sadly, they ignore our human potential. But the NAACP will continue the fight, regardless of the attacks and distortions directed at us by those who resent our effectiveness and/or oppose our goals. Our mission is as vital and urgent as when this association was founded. The civil rights agenda is full of unfinished business and we intend to get on with the work.

Dr. William P. Gibson, is Chairman of the NAACP, National Board of Directors

Welfare unfairness

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These don't have hardly any seeds." Passing the joint on to her friend, she continued to talk. "You know I'm gonna get my ass kicked when I get home. I ain't been home since last week. But I don't care. That man done put his foot in my ass so long, I forgot what it feels like to take it out." Taking the joint back, she smirked.

By now, the stench of the joint was so bad, I was forced to move towards the front of the bus. Unfortunately, my choice of relocation was once again wrong. Now, I was seated behind and across from four women holding a similar conversation. These four were all engaging in a conversation about how they foolishly squandered their welfare checks.

One lady seated towards my right had her baby girl with her. Both of them appeared to be unwashed, underweight, and tired. The little girl steadily stared at me as I glanced back and forth at her. She had on a coat which appeared dirty and too small, black stretch pants with a hole in the knee, and sneakers without laces and socks for a rainy February day. I felt as if she was severely undernourished. The mother appeared though, with a hat, leather boots, a dirty, too-small jacket, and cotton gloves and jeans.

"Last month, I took that check and me and Kevin went and had a good time. We went over to New York and spent the whole thing getting high." From this statement, I could see why she and her child appeared the way they did.

Even though I know this isn't the attitude of all welfare recipients, there are still a few that feel they have the right of getting "high" at the expense of hard-working taxpayers. Knowing that there are people with these types of attitudes, I only wonder why the law wasn't passed sooner. The reason I feel this way is because this law will make future mothers think about the true meaning of responsibility and its consequences.

Zarinah V. Knight is a 15-year-old student at St. Vincent's Academy in Newark.

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